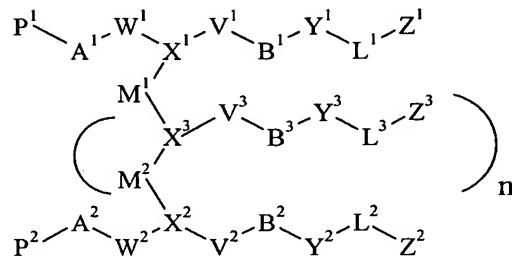


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



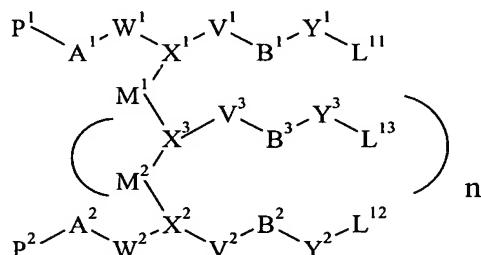
(I)

wherein

- P¹ and P² independently represent a polymer residue;
- Z¹, Z² and Z³ independently represent the residue of a biologically active moiety;
- X¹, X² and X³ independently represent CR¹ or N;
- A¹ and A² independently represent -CONH-, -NHCO-, -OC(O)N(R²)-, -N(R²)C(O)O- or -NHCONH-;
- B¹, B² and B³ independently represent -CONH- or -CO-;
- V¹, V² and V³ independently represent a covalent bond or -(CH₂)_v-;
- W¹ and W² independently represent a covalent bond or -(CH₂)_w-;
- Y¹, Y² and Y³ independently represent -(CH₂)_y-;
- L¹, L² and L³ independently represent a spacer group;
- M¹ and M² independently represent a covalent bond or -(CH₂)_m-;
- R¹ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- R² represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- n is zero, 1 or 2;
- v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- w is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and
- m is 1, 2 or 3.

2. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a whole antibody or the residue of a functionally active antibody fragment or derivative thereof.

3. (currently amended) A compound of formula (II):



(II)

wherein

L^{11} , L^{12} and L^{13} represent groups capable of attaching that attach the residue residues Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 , respectively, or capable of being that are converted into such groups that attach residues Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 , respectively; and

Z^1, Z^2, Z^3 and each of the other variables is as defined in claim 1

Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a biologically active moiety;

P^1 and P^2 independently represent a polymer residue;

X^1 , X^2 and X^3 independently represent CR¹ or N;

A^1 and A^2 independently represent -CONH-, -NHCO-, -OC(O)N(R^2)-, -N(R^2)C(O)O- or -NHCONH-;

B^1 , B^2 and B^3 independently represent -CONH- or -CO-;

V^1 , V^2 and V^3 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_v-$;

W^1 and W^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_w-$:

Y^1 , Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent $-(CH_2)_n-$:

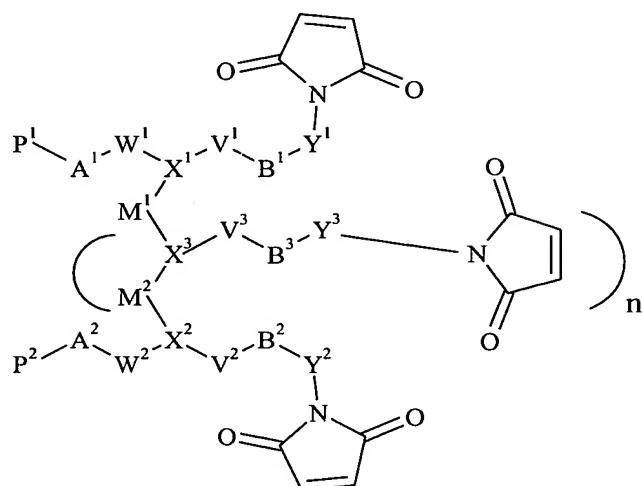
M^1 and M^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_m-$:

R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

n is zero, 1 or 2;v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;w is 1, 2, 3 or 4;y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; andm is 1, 2 or 3.

4. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 3 represented by formula (III):



(III)

~~wherein each of the variables is as defined in claim 1.~~

5. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein P¹ and P² independently represent a polyethylene glycol (PEG) residue.

6. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen.

7. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein n is zero.

8. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as defined in as claimed in claim 1 as herein specifically disclosed in Example 4, 5 or 6 that is

DiFab'-conjugated N,N'-bis-[4-maleimidylbutyl]-2,3-bis-(3-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-propionylamino)-succinamide;

DiFab'-conjugated 3-maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-maleimidyl-propionyl]-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide; or

DiFab'-conjugated 3-maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-(maleimidyl)-propionyl]-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-propionamide.

9. (currently amended) A compound of formula (III) as defined in as claimed in claim 4 as herein specifically disclosed in Example 1, 2 or 3 that is

N,N'-Bis-[4-maleimidylbutyl]-2,3-bis-(3-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-propionylamino)-succinamide;

3-Maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-maleimidyl-propionyl]-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide; or

3-Maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-(maleimidyl)-propionyl]-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-propionamide.

10. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined as claimed in claim 1 in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.